

Mount Vernon City Library



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Library Float 1st Place in Parade!

by Brian Soneda



Kelly Dodd, Charlene Patten, and many library staff and community volunteers put together and then marched with the Library's float in the Downtown Christmas Parade on November 25. (Pickup truck and float bed were donated by Tim Howard.) We loved the float and so did the judges—1st place! Congratulations to Kelly, Charlene and all the volunteers.

Changes, Changes, Changes

by Brian Soneda

Notable changes in 2013 are coming, some sooner than others. Starting on January 2, 2013, our open hours will be:

10 am-7 pm	Monday-Thursday
10 am-6 pm	Friday
10 am-5 pm	Saturday

While we are unsure of a start date, we hope to have our two new Self Check machines up and running by early Spring. These machines will enable most patrons to check out materials without even talking to a staff member. Of course we have always been and will always be happy to talk to you, but if you are in a rush, Self Check will be a great option.

You will also notice improvements to the library grounds in 2013; these changes are part of a volunteer supported project called *Urban Landscape Renewal @ the Mount Vernon City Library*. Stay tuned!

Who supports the library?

- *You do, through City taxes*
- *The Friends of the Mount Vernon Library*
- *The Mount Vernon Library Foundation*
- *Individuals and organizations who believe in libraries, literacy and the quality of life in Mount Vernon.*

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Friends of the Mount Vernon Library, by Dave Johnson, Friends President

"One need never be dull as long as one has friends to help, gardens to enjoy and books in the long winter evenings."
D. E. Stevenson, *Listening Valley*

And so winter is upon us, and with it dark mornings, frosty breath, and the welcoming fact that one need no excuse for curling up with hot cocoa, a warm blanket, and a good book. If you're reading this, I know I'm not the only one who has such thoughts!

But before you curl up, plan on attending the annual meeting of the Friends, at the library on Tuesday, January 8, 6pm. Not only will we elect next officers (why not YOU?), we'll hear from Jana Hanson, the City's Community & Economic Development Director about current plans for a new library sometime in the future...and how far into the future that might be. Mayor Jill Boudreau will be with us, as well, as she was last year. It's great to have strong support from City officials!

About those officer positions: we NEED more people to help us lead the Friends. We're on the cusp of greatness, with strong finances, great relations with the staff, and great support from patrons. We meet, formally, on odd-numbered months, generally on a Wednesday evening which fits in our schedules. Meetings are about 90 minutes long and are a great way to support the library with fund-ing decisions, opinions on developments, and general feedback to the great staff.

Interested? Call me! Email me! Catch me on the street! Tell the staff! We'd love to have you join us. My home number is 630-5976, work is 428-5959, and email is fundsandfun@yahoo.com.

Winter now means spring soon! Our book sale is Saturday, April 20. When you start spring cleaning, don't forget to give us your books: we promise, they'll find a good home. Thanks for your support of our library!



Mount Vernon Library Foundation, by Harold Page, Foundation President

You can tell a lot about people from how they spend their money. We tend to put our treasure where our heart is. When I look at the "Old Main" building of Mount Vernon High School I find myself admiring the values and courage of the generation of citizens who built it. At the time of its construction it was second only to the Court House in architectural quality and sophistication. It speaks eloquently of the value that the pioneers of this community placed on the education of their children and their optimism for the future. Today, as it approaches one hundred years of age, it still presents a solid edifice that is the anchor structure of its campus.

As taxpayers we generally expect our municipal facilities to be economical and efficient; adequate to their purpose, and designed to achieve the lowest life cycle cost. But it is important to recognize that some municipal buildings, especially libraries, also outwardly express the values of their community. By its size, location and design quality our new library will express to visitors and neighbors, as well as to ourselves, the pride we have in our town. It will demonstrate the importance we place on literacy, culture and providing our citizens with resources for learning. It will also create a legacy that clearly speaks to our children and the future members of this delightful community about where our values are.

If you would like to be a part of forming the vision for our new library please come to the Mount Vernon Library Foundation Annual Meeting on Monday, January 14th at 5:30 PM, at Mount Vernon Fire Station #3 (4701 E. Division St.).



Database Review, by Betsy Cherednik, staff member



An Ideal Investing Tool

Morningstar Investment Research Center (MIRC) is an easy to navigate database that was designed especially to help you reach your investment goals. It's the one-stop tool for collecting financial information, getting reliable portfolio analysis, learning about investment options, and getting the most up-to-date financial news and commentary.

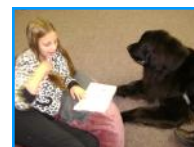
MIRC provides data on over 14,500 stocks, 24,800 mutual funds, 1,500 exchange-traded funds, and 700 closed end funds. It also provides analyst reports on over 3,500 securities, offering in-depth background and analyst opinions on top investments.

MIRC is located on the 3 Electronic Research Computers, located on the southeast end of our computer island. Many information guides; like *30 Days to Financial Fitness*, *How to Start Investing in Stocks & Mutual Funds*, & *How to Invest During an Economic Slowdown* are included.

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2013 January—March Library Events Calendar

Jan 2-Mar 27	LEGO Building for All Ages, 1-6:30 pm, Wednesdays.
Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 2	Tales for Tails: Kids Reading to Certified Therapy Dogs, ages 6-12., 1-2 pm, 1st Saturdays.
Jan 8	Friends of the Mount Vernon Library Annual Meeting, 6 pm.
Jan 10, Feb 14, Mar 14	Teen Writing Group, 4:30-6:30 pm., 2nd Thursdays.
Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 9	Saturday Science: Exploring Science..., ages 8-11, 2-3 pm, 2nd Saturdays.
Jan 15-Mar 5	Toddler Storytime, 10:30 am, 2-3 years, Tuesdays.
Jan 15-Mar 5	Bilingual Storytime for Families, 5:30 pm, all ages, Tuesdays.
Jan 16-Mar 6	Preschool Storytime, 10:30 am, 3-5 years, Wednesdays.
Jan 17-Mar 7	Teddy Bear Time, 10:30 am, birth-24 months, Thursdays.
Jan 17-Mar 7	Travels with SKOOB, 4-4:30 pm, ages 6-8, Thursdays
Jan 17, Feb 21, Mar 21	Anime and Manga Club, 5-6 pm, 3rd Thursdays.
Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 16	LEGO Building for All Ages, 1-4:30 pm, 3rd Saturdays.
Jan 25	Teen Open Mic Night, 6:30-8 pm
Feb 2	Happy 50th Birthday, Amelia Bedelia, 3-4 pm, ages 5 and up.
Mar 2	Read and Rhyme with the Cat in the Hat!, 3-4 pm, ages 3 and up.
Mar 7	Joint MVCL/BPL Game Night at the Burlington Library , teens, 4:30-6:30 pm.
Mar 13	<u>Friends of the Mount Vernon Library meeting, 6 pm.</u>



Tales for Tails



Bilingual Storytime



Amelia Bedelia

(Morningstar Investment Research Center, continued)

MIRC recently reviewed the largest 529 college savings plans and identified 27 plans likely to outperform their peers.

MIRC also provides a Tutorial Center with short instructional videos with a step-by-step overview of the database and its valuable tools. To access their Tutorial Center simply click the Help & Education tab, of the database, and then the Database Guides column, which includes a link to the New Tutorial Center.

FYI: The Library provides earphones at each ERC station. We are restricted to having just one computer using Morningstar Investment Research Center at a time, so this investing tool is only available to use inside the Library. Come try it!

Cool library things that happened in the last quarter...



Another FUN DAY—"literary characters" dress up in honor of Halloween!



Santa Storytime! (December 15)



Musician Holly Gundolfi delights young patron Kadee Settles at the December 28 Open House.

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“The Chain of Command”

The library director reports to the Mayor,
Jill Boudreau.

The library director is advised by the Board of Trustees. Trustees are appointed by the Mayor and are confirmed by City Council. Trustees serve 5 year terms. Current Trustees are: Marija Anderson (Chair), Bill Craig (Vice Chair), Scott Correa (Secretary), Carrie Odlin and Sharon Sackett.

The library director and library staff serve you, the public.

This newsletter is edited by: Brian Soneda, Library Director

Mount Vernon City Library

Vision Statement:

Mount Vernon City Library - The Heart of Our Thriving Community

Mission Statement:

Mount Vernon City Library promotes lifelong learning by providing access to information and materials that are varied in format and viewpoint. We connect our diverse community through innovative programming and excellent service.

Core Values:

Mount Vernon City Library stands on a foundation of core value including, but not limited to:

Excellent customer service

Relevancy

Patience, understanding and caring

Tolerance

Community leadership

Sensitivity

Helpfulness

Welcoming spirit

Contributor to the community's quality of life

2013 Library Hours

Monday 10 AM-7 PM

Tuesday 10 AM-7 PM

Wednesday 10 AM-7 PM

Thursday 10 AM-7 PM

Friday 10 AM-6 PM

Saturday 10 AM-5 PM

Holiday and other closures:

January 1 New Years Day

January 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 18 Presidents' Day

May 27 Memorial Day

July 4 Independence Day

September 2 Labor Day

November 11 Veterans Day

November 28-29 Thanksgiving Day

December 25 Christmas Day



Neither rain nor snow...

